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1. DRAFT TEXT IN REF A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT I
HAVE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE.

2. REF B CONTAINS DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON ITS REVIEW
OF 1977 ANNUAL POLICY ASSESSMENT FOR FRANCE WHICH I
CHAired. REF B ALSO CONTAINS LIST OF AGREED OBJECTIVES
AND POLICIES/ACTIONS. THESE ARE BASICALLY REFLECTED IN
DRAFT TEXT IN REF A BUT FOR SOME REASON THE DRAFT OMITTS
ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE OBJECTIVES OF: PUBLIC
SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION; AND
COORDINATION OF POLICIES WITH THE GOF IN AREA OF EAST-
WEST RELATIONS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO EAST-WEST
RELATIONS IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE SOCIALISTS. IN THE
ABSENCE OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXCLUDING
REFERENCE TO THESE OBJECTIVES, I SUGGEST THAT THEY BE
INCLUDED IN MY STATEMENT OF GOALS AND TASKS.

3. FURTHER, IT MAY ONLY BE A STYLISTIC NITPICK, BUT
IT MAY ALSO REVEAL A FRAME OF MIND WHICH I FIND UN-
HELPFUL IN FRENCH AFFAIRS: IN PART IV OF DRAFT TEXT,
THE PHRASE "COORDINATE FRENCH WITH US APPROACHES
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(DIPLOMACY)..." IS TWICE USED. IT WOULD BE FAR
PREFERABLE TO USE THE PHRASE AND MEAN TO SAY
"COORDINATE WITH FRENCH ON US APPROACHES (DIPLOMACY)
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4. FINALLY, I SUGGEST THAT THE HEADING FOR PART IV BE
MODIFIED AND TWO ADDITIONAL SUBPARAS BE ADDED TO DEAL

WITH FRENCH POLICY TOWARD EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION.

5. THE REVISED PART IV WOULD THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

IV. SEEK TO COORDINATE WITH FRENCH ON U.S. APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE AND IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

-- GIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT (BOTH FRENCH AND U.S.) TO PROCESS OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION.

-- COORDINATE POLICIES WITH GOF IN AREA OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AND MAKE EAST-WEST RELATIONS A MAJOR ELEMENT IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE SOCIALISTS.

-- FACILITATE, TO EXTENT THAT WE CAN, CONTINUED EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE FRENCH-GERMAN RELATIONSHIP, AND INDIRECTLY ENCOURAGE CONTINUED FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TOWARD WESTERN EUROPEAN (RATHER THAN PAN-EUROPEAN) ROLE.

-- CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY FRENCH POLICIES TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE TO ASSURE THAT THE FRENCH BALANCING ACT CONTINUES TO TILT TOWARDS THE WEST.

-- SEEK TO PROMOTE A FRENCH (AND EUROPEAN) ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST COMPATIBLE WITH THE US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PEACE IN THE AREA.

-- ENCOURAGE AN ACTIVE FRENCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY OF KEY AFRICAN STATES.

-- COORDINATE WITH FRENCH ON US DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SEEK FRENCH SUPPORT FOR US AND UK EFFORTS IN RHODESIA, AND ACTIVE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN

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